

REPORT ON WOOL ORDERED

Ways and Means Committee Acts on Underwood Bill.

ATTACKED BY REPUBLICANS

Democrats Refuse to Postpone Legislation Until Tariff Board Makes Its Report.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)
Washington, June 3.—The majority members of the Ways and Means committee ordered a favorable report to-day on the bill revising Schedule K, termed by the Democrats a revenue wool measure. The report was ordered by a strict party vote, after the Democrats had defeated a resolution introduced by Representative Hill seeking to postpone tariff legislation until next session, when the House will have the advantage of the findings of the Tariff Board. The Republican members of the committee had their first opportunity to-day to take part in the discussion of this important measure. The minority members made protests, which were futile, of course, as the wool schedule had been revised without granting public hearings. Mr. Hill called attention to the fact that the Democrats had strangely seen fit to use the hearings of the Republican committee of the last Congress, but that the bill drawn by the majority was a radical departure from anything ever before attempted in a revenue tariff measure. The minority members, however, realized that they had been asked to attend to-day's meeting of the committee merely to carry out a perfunctory performance of voting "no" against the rather hurriedly drawn Democratic bill. The bill will be laid before the House by Chairman Underwood next Tuesday, and it is understood to be the Democratic plan to submit a report of nearly one hundred pages, an attempt to explain why printed protests, regardless of William Jennings Bryan's ultimatum, regard a duty on raw wool as a necessity. This exhaustive report is being framed for campaign purposes, and much Democratic sagacity is being employed to frame a document which will be an answer to the Republican broadsides that are bound to be directed at the Underwood bill when it comes before the House.

The resolution introduced in the committee by Representative Hill, which was widely supported by the minority members, indicates the justifiable line of attack that will be made upon the "revenue" measure when the Republicans have an opportunity to analyze it. It reads as follows:

Resolved, That the proposed bill is a radical departure from all former revenue measures of this country and has been prepared without any hearings or other consideration of the committee in 1909 and therefore it is the opinion of this committee that the report on the pending measure should be withheld until such further consideration of Schedule K should be postponed until the opening of the regular session in December, when the committee is assured it can have the benefit of the investigations made by the Tariff Board and a report in full as to the difference in the cost of production of wool and its products at home and abroad.

The Democratic measure, upon which debate probably will begin Wednesday next, imposes an ad valorem duty of 30 per cent on raw wool and an average duty of 42 1/2 on manufactures of wool.

OIL MANDATE ISSUED

Supreme Court Directs Putting Dissolution Decree in Effect.

Washington, June 3.—Final action by the United States Supreme Court in the Standard Oil case was taken to-day when the mandate to the Circuit Court for the Eastern District of Missouri to put the decree of dissolution into effect was issued. The mandate was a formal document, following strictly the form used in practice in all cases decided by the court. It contained a copy of the decree of the lower court, a reference to the appeal and the hearing in the Supreme Court.

On consideration of the appeal, continued the mandate, "it is now here ordered and adjudged and decreed by this court that the decree of the said Circuit Court in the opinion of this court, and, as so modified, be and the same is hereby affirmed, the said Circuit Court to retain jurisdiction to the extent necessary to compel compliance in every respect with this decree."

The mandate closes as follows:

You, therefore, are hereby commanded that such further proceedings be had in such cause, in conformity with the opinion and decree of this court, as, according to said justice and the law of the United States, ought to be had, the said appeal notwithstanding.

PRICE OF DAY'S PORTRAIT

Secretary Told Artist It Should Not Exceed \$800.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)
Canton, Ohio, June 3.—Justice William R. Day, of the Supreme Court, who is at his home here, has forwarded to the House Committee on Expenditures in the State Department a statement concerning the placing of his portrait with the portraits of other former Secretaries of State in the halls of that department, and for which Albert Rosenthal, the artist, says he got only \$25, while the voucher called for \$2,500. "I told Mr. Rosenthal that my picture, when I sat for my portrait," said Justice Day, "must not be more than was usually paid for such portraits, and that it should not cost to exceed \$50. Some years afterward I was informed by Mr. Rosenthal that he had received more than \$2,500, whereas he had been paid only \$50. I at once called at the State Department and reported the substance of Mr. Rosenthal's interview with me. I was afterward advised that the voucher to which Mr. Rosenthal referred included money expended for the portrait and other expenditures besides."

WILL ASK HOUSE TO ACT

President's Refusal to Submit Portrait Voucher Angers Mr. Hamlin.

Washington, June 3.—President Taft's refusal to permit the submission to Congress of State Department records concerning the disposition of \$1,600 unaccounted for in connection with the expenditure of \$50 for the painting of a portrait of Secretary William R. Day will be presented to the House of Representatives for action. Representative Hamilton, chairman of the Committee on Expenditures in the State Department, said that while the State Department may have a secret fund for use in diplomatic exigencies, it is irregular for money appropriated for that purpose to be used for another.

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THE DAY IN WASHINGTON

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Washington, June 3.—A telegram received from Senator Lorimer to-day by the chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, in which he asks that he may be heard in his own behalf at the coming investigation of the validity of his election, has aroused the small amount of curiosity in Washington. Close friends of Senator Lorimer have continually maintained that he could easily clear himself of all suspicion if he would consent to tell all he knew of the corruption in the Illinois Legislature. When asked why Senator Lorimer did not avail himself of the opportunity and tell the facts to which they referred, they have replied that to do so would involve a betrayal of the confidence of many members of the Legislature, irrespective of party; that he knew their methods and all the inside history of the legislative "jackpot," and that he could not clear his own skirts without sending to the penitentiary men who had been loyal to him, and, incidentally, without destroying his own political influence by proving his own "bad pal," instead of a politician who would never touch on the "gang." Mr. Lorimer's opponents have accepted these assertions with a large grain of allowance. Some of them have regarded the explanation as the ebullition of enthusiastic friends, and others have somewhat sarcastically suggested that the ethics involved so closely approximated the famous "honor among thieves" that, even if the explanation were correct, it hardly constituted a convincing proof of Senator Lorimer's honesty. The fact that Senator Lorimer occupies a seat in the United States Senate, Mr. Lorimer's request at this early stage to be permitted to testify in his own behalf has, however, served to revive the report, and there is considerable speculation as to whether he has decided to make a clean breast of all he knows, regardless of the injury his disclosures may work to the liberty of his intimates and supporters.

SOCIALISTS GRATIFIED.—When asked recently precisely what constituted the aim of the Socialist party in this country, Representative Victor Berger, of New Jersey, representative of that party in Congress, replied: "Federal ownership of the trusts." It is hardly necessary to add that Mr. Berger and those of his school are extremely gratified to see President Taft, ex-President Roosevelt, Mr. Gary, of the United States Steel Corporation, and other influential men advocating even federal supervision and control of the trusts. There is, however, a radical difference between the Socialists' idea of a policy advocated by these men, precisely as there is a radical difference between government ownership of railroads and the federal control exercised by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Members of the Interstate Commerce Commission are frank to assert that they find it far from an easy task to satisfy the public with the limited functions they have to perform in connection with the transportation companies, and they intimate that the surest and most expeditious way to send Uncle Sam to an insane asylum would be to make him, not only the servant of all the people in the matter of transportation, but the employer as well, of the great army of men necessary to carrying on the functions of transportation. Under present conditions it is an easy and comforting task to "raise the boss," a matter of safety valve which would be destroyed if the "boss" were the government, especially in a country where the people are sovereign. What is now a pleasure and a relief would then become an unsatisfying, a fact which Mr. Berger of entertainment, a fact which Mr. Berger and his friends appear wholly to overlook.

TRIALS OF A PRESIDENT.—President Taft will soon be confronted by another trying situation growing out of the pardoning power of the Executive. A pardoning negro has been convicted of murdering his husband and sentenced to be hanged. A local newspaper has started a sensational campaign to prevent the hanging of a woman in the District of Columbia, and Representative Caleb Powers, of Kentucky, has undertaken to make application for pardon or commutation of sentence through the Department of Justice, he having first called on the President in connection with the affair, and by him referred to that department. It appears that this is the first instance of a woman's being sentenced to be hanged by the civil courts of the District, the only previous instance of a hanging here having been the case of Mrs. Burratt, convicted and sentenced by a military court for complicity in the assassination of President Lincoln. Having been a judge, there is little probability that President Taft will yield to the sentimentalists of the argument. That he will, if the side of the argument, it is likely to be the evidence warrants it, gladly commute the sentence to life imprisonment is certain.

FEAR ANOTHER REVOLUTION

Nicaraguans Think Loma Explosion Marked Its Beginning.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, June 3.—After the explosion which wrecked La Loma barracks, overlooking Managua, three days ago, and in which many soldiers were killed, and in which many soldiers were expelled the natives of Managua are expelling the leadership of another revolution under the leadership of Dr. Julian Irujo, a former member of the Nicaraguan Cabinet and an aspirant to the presidential chair. An expedition from Costa Rica, probably under the leadership of Dr. Rodolfo Esquivel, former Nicaraguan Minister to Washington, who was last reported to be on his way South from Mexico, also is feared. Warnings have been sent everywhere throughout the country as rapidly as possible. The authorities are counting upon support from the people on the Atlantic side of the country. The situation at present is under control and tranquillity prevails. Official advices from Managua indicate that the dynamiting of the barracks was the work of former revolutionists.

TO KEEP WATCH ON EUREKA

Suspected Steamer Arrives at Anapala—Papers Seem Correct.

Managua, Nicaragua, June 3.—The steamer Eureka, which is reported to have cleared from San Francisco on May 13 with a cargo of munitions of war destined for Nicaraguan revolutionists, arrived yesterday at Anapala, a Honduran port on the Pacific coast. The vessel was light and the ship's papers apparently were correct. The United States gunboat Yorktown has received orders from Washington to proceed from Panama to San Juan del Sur to look after American interests.

Washington, June 3.—The primary purpose of the Yorktown's voyage to the Bay of Fonseca is to find and watch the steamer Eureka, which left San Francisco on May 13 under conditions which excited the suspicion of the Nicaraguan government. It has been reported that she is loaded with arms and munitions of war, and it is feared that she forms part of a revolutionary expedition. Against what country the movement is directed is a mystery. The ship arrived at Salina Cruz on May 20, and then sailed, ostensibly for Anapala, Honduras.

The Nicaraguan Legation here places no value on the report coming from Managua and New Orleans that a revolution is organizing against the new government.

President Diaz, but is keeping in close communication with the State Department in order to head off any hostile expedition.

YALE LAW SCHOOL GETS \$10,000.

New Haven, June 3.—The Yale Law School will receive a \$10,000 scholarship from the estate of Joseph Parker, of New York City. The yearly returns will be \$100, and in absence of restrictions the conditions of the scholarship are left with the school faculty.

ASKS ABOUT ARBITRATION

Representative Hamill Offended by Words of Consul General Griffiths.

Washington, June 3.—Inquiring whether the proposed American-British arbitration treaty is directed against Germany, Representative Hamill, of New Jersey, has introduced a resolution in the House calling on the Secretary of State for an explanation. Mr. Hamill bases his demand on the alleged indorsement by Consul General Griffiths at London of a recent speech by Sir John Lubbock in the British Parliament.

Mr. Hamill characterizes Mr. Griffiths' indorsement as an offense to the majority of American citizens. The Foreign Affairs committee has taken the resolution under consideration.

Washington, June 3.—Because of marked discrepancies in the accounts of the absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company by the United States Steel Corporation given by John W. Gates and Elbert H. Gary, the Stanley Steel investigating committee of the House has determined that further light on that deal must be obtained and that every person who had anything to do with it should be examined.

The committee is again considering the necessity of summoning ex-President Roosevelt and Senator Root for verification of the details of the conferences with ex-Judge Gary and Mr. Frick.

The text of the letters read to the committee by ex-Judge Gary yesterday was made public to-day. The first, from ex-Judge Gary to Secretary Root, follows:

New York, November 7, 1907.

My Dear Mr. Secretary: At the recent interview at the White House between all three of us, I stated in substance that our corporation had the opportunity of acquiring more than half the capital stock of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company at a price somewhat in excess of what we believed to be its real value, and that it had been represented that if the purchase should be made it would be a great benefit to financial conditions and save from failure an important business concern, and that, under the circumstances, Mr. Frick and I had decided to favor the purchase, unless the President objected, and I further stated that the total production capacity of our companies would not be materially increased by the purchase of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, and that the purchase would probably not bring it to more than 90 per cent of the total steel production in this country, which was about the capacity of our companies at the time of the acquisition of the Steel Corporation; that our position was opposed to securing a monopoly in our lines or materially increasing our capacity. I understood the President to say that, while he could not make any binding promise, he would endeavor to see that the circumstances as presented, he would not advise against the purchase. Very truly, ELBERT H. GARY.

To the Hon. Elbert H. Root, Secretary of State.

Mr. Root replied as follows:

Washington, November 11, 1907.

Dear Mr. Gary: I have your letter of November 7, which fully agrees with my recollection of the interview to which you refer, in which you stated to the President the circumstances under which the United States Steel Company had been asked to relieve the financial situation by the purchase of the stock of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company. I have also received your letter with this answer to the President, with the recommendation that it be transmitted to the Department of Justice for consideration. Very sincerely, ELBERT H. ROOT.

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